

**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 2, 2022, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Vice Chair
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Commissioner

Staff present: Avril Pinder (via phone), County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; John Hudson, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Stoney Blevins, Health & Human Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Brandon Freeman, Staff Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sloan motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, add **NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Caucus Appointment to New Business**, and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- Approval of July 19, 2022 Briefing Meeting Minutes
- Approval of July 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Tax Collection Report
- Approval of Lucy S. Herring Elementary 2022 School Capital Fund Commission Campus Wide Project Design Contract Amendment
- Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Weaverville Regarding Stormwater and Erosion Control Inspections & Enforcement
 - Resolution
- Budget Amendment for One-Time Increased Chafee (LINKS) Transitional Funds
 - Ordinance
- Budget Amendment for VAYA American Rescue Plan Act Child and Family Grant
 - Ordinance

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jared Wheatley, Justin Rabuck, Drew Reisinger, and Mary Crow stated their support for the Eastern Band of Cherokee in the name change of Clingman's Dome back to "Kuwohi".

Taylor Schenker thanked the Board for supporting and funding reparations and questioned the Ad Hoc Reappraisal Committee process.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Metropolitan Sewerage District**

Tom Hartye, General Manager of MSD, detailed the history, background, and the current board of directors for the Metropolitan Sewerage District. An explanation of the services provided, some recent and future projects was provided.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Economic Development Appropriations**

Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations, explained the purpose of the hearing is to authorize funding in economic development appropriation. The appropriation is to Eagle Market Streets Development Corporation (\$375,000).

The Chairman opened the hearing at 5:38 p.m.

The hearing was closed at 5:39 p.m.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the \$375,000 grant to Eagle Market Streets Development Corporation and the associated resolution. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Caucus Appointment**

Commissioner Whitesides moved to appoint Vice Chair Amanda Edwards to represent the County at the NCACC's District 16 Caucus to select a district director. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Approval of Annual Property Tax Settlement for Fiscal Year 2022 and Order of Collection to Tax Collector for the Current Fiscal Year**

Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector, provided to the Board of Commissioners, an annual settlement of property tax collected in the previous fiscal year. She gave a summary of the net tax levy, collections, unpaid property taxes, and uncollectible taxes.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the fiscal year 2022 Annual Settlement and adopt the Order of Collection for fiscal year 2023. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Reissuance of AA543: Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhanced Detection**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment to Move Budget for Two Positions from Legal to Emergency Services**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Vice Chair Edwards moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Pressley seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program**

John Hudson, Budget Director, explained the budget amendment.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Whitesides seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Resolution of Support for Efforts of the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to Restore the Name of Kuwohi to the Mountain Presently Known as Clingmans Dome**

Commissioner Sloan explained the effort to support the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' resolution to restore the name "Kuwohi" to the mountain presently known as Clingman's Dome. Lavita Hill explained the correct spelling and pronunciation of Kuwohi.

Commissioner Whitesides moved to approve the resolution with a friendly amendment from Commissioner Sloan to correct the spelling of Kuwohi in the resolution. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *August 16 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *August 16 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Pressley moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6) to consider matters regarding employee performance, NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) to hear legal matters, and NCGS 143-318.11(a) (5) hear real property negotiation matters with no possible action anticipated following the closed session. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

The Board heard the update and had discussion regarding the matters. No action was taken.

Commissioner Beach-Ferrara moved to go back into open session. Vice Chair Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Sloan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wells seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.